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Alfred C. Sikes, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Al:

I'm attaching several constituent letters concerning PR Docket 92-235. I would appreciate your review of their concerns and for their consideration during the public comment period.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Newt Gingrich

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The Honorable Newt Gingrich
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Dear Mr. Gingrich,

Tim's a Doctor now. I think you know this though. When I decided to write this letter to my representative I thought of you and the advice and help you gave us when Tim wanted to go to Med school. You were just a normal citizen then of course. We're not in your district, just in your old neighborhood. The following problem does effect people in your district as they are radio controlled modelers also.

The FCC has issued NPRM-PR docket 92-235 which if implemented will cause serious problems for modelers. This revision will insert new frequencies between the frequencies currently used to control radio controlled models.

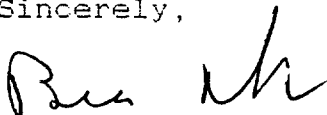
I build and fly model airplanes at two sites just outside Atlanta. This hobby involves considerable expense and time and is a great pleasure to me and the other members of the model clubs I belong to. Our clubs go to great trouble to prevent crashes of a plane through the use of a frequency control system. This system is effective and greatly enhances the safety to the modeler and the aircraft.

The major problem with this new rule is these new frequencies are adjacent to our frequencies. They can be built into transmitters of greater power than our transmitters. They can be for mobile use. This means they can be in range of our aircraft, but not within our control. This will result in frequency spill over and the loss of a plane.

Technology could prevent the spill over of the new frequencies I imagine, but will require the replacement of all of our equipment. This would not be full proof however because the tolerances of their transmitters would have to be maintained very precisely and as you know industry doesn't fix anything that isn't broken. For them it would be working just fine. For me a plane worth a large investment of time and money would be ruined.

In re-reading this I realize this may seem like a small thing to you and your staff. I realize our country's problems are larger than my hobby. The difficulty is this hobby represents the icing on the cake for me and many people. It is a major source of social and recreational pleasure for thousands of people and their families. We need help to keep this rule change from happening.

Sincerely,



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DEAR MR. GINGRICH

I WOULD LIKE TO VOICE MY
OPPOSITION TO A N.P.R.M. THAT IS BEING
REVIEWED BY THE F.C.C. DOCKET #92-235.
IT IS MY OPINION THAT IF THIS IS ALLOWED
TO PASS IT WILL FOR PRACTICAL PURPOSES WILL
END A ACTIVITY WHICH I HAVE INVESTED MULTI
THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS.

AGAIN I AM OPPOSED TO DOCKET #92-235.

Scott McGowan
SCOTT MCGOWAN
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January 29, 1993

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Mr. Arthur M. Cash
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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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The Honorable Newt Gingrich
2428 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Gingrich:

I am writing to you in regard to Proposed Rule Making Docket PR Docket 92-235. This document is from the Federal Communications Commission and concerns the frequencies that me and countless thousands use to control radio controlled model aircraft. If adopted these new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes. Our frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other. Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference to radio control operations. I am told that of the fifty frequencies that are presently available for radio control of model airplanes only nineteen will be left if these new rules are adopted. Whenever we fly our models (some of which have wing spans of ten feet and weigh up to forty pounds!) we go to great lengths to assure a very safe operation. We often fly the craft at organized events where hundreds of operators participate. These events are many times held in or near parks where many people enjoy the contests and activities. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and this margin of safety we enjoy will be greatly decreased. What is most frightening about this proposal by the FCC is the fact that these new frequencies are not only very close to ours they are also designated as "mobile", therefore we would never know where they were operating, including right in the parking lot or park where these aircraft are in operation! In addition, the technical specifications for this new equipment allows a legal frequency tolerance which could place their signal

directly on the signal being used to control this thirty or forty
pound model airplane being flown in a public show or contest at forty
miles per hour plus. I am sure you can imagine the consequences if
the operator radio signal was interfered with by someone using the
same frequency on a street or nearby highway. It is very clear that
the FCC has not considered these and other possibilities. Mr.
Gingrich I have personally invested thousands of dollars in this hobby.
It gives me and thousands of other folks many hours of enjoyment.
However, the money is secondary. What is most important is safety.
The models themselves are expensive to build; but more to the point, they
are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, or even death if
radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the craft.
Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing
the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

I wish you continued success and am very grateful for your help
in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Arthur M. Cash". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Arthur" being more prominent.

Arthur M. Cash

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The Honorable Newt Gingrich
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Gingrich,

As an active miniature aircraft modeler since the late 1940's and an employee of a hobby shop supplying other modelers, I am greatly concerned and request your opposition to a pending FCC action. This action will not only adversely impact my hobby, but also my job.

Proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission will have a significant negative impact on our hobby. The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of the frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72 - 76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

The FCC proposal will create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference to radio control operations. I am told that of the 50 frequencies that are presently available for radio control of model airplanes, only 19 will be left if there new rules are adopted.

When model airplanes are flown under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

As a note of information, many model airplanes have wing spans of up to 10 feet and weigh as much as 30 to 40 pounds. The models themselves are expensive to build; but more to the point, they are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, or even death if radio interference causes the

operator to lose control of the craft. We often fly our models at organized events and contests where many operators and spectators participate. We need the use of our full complement of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

I am sure you will agree that it is not wise of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radios, but we have a considerable investment in our models and our radio equipment. Additionally, in Cobb County alone there are 4 hobby shops with approximately 26 employees that would be adversely effected by a loss of business. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help us continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band as specified in PR Docket 92-235.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Dennis D. Rypkema".

Dennis D. Rypkema